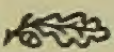




FOR REWARD AND WAGE GIVE US
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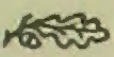
YOUR OTHER SELF



WORK to please yourself and you develop and strengthen the artistic conscience.  Cling to that and it shall be your mentor in times of doubt; you need no other.

 There are writers who would scorn to write a muddy line, and would hate themselves for a year and a day should they dilute their thought with the platitudes of the fear-ridden people.  Be yourself and speak your mind to-day, though it contradict all you have said before. And above all, in art, work to please yourself—that other self that stands over and behind you looking over your shoulder, watching your every act, word and deed—knowing your every thought.

Michael Angelo would not paint a picture on order. “I have a critic who is more exacting than you,” said Meissonier, “it is

my other self.”  Rosa Bonheur painted pictures just to please her other self, and never gave a thought to any one else, and having painted to please herself, she made her appeal to the great common heart of humanity—the tender, the noble, the receptive, the earnest, the sympathetic, the lovable. That is why Rosa Bonheur stands first among women artists of all time: she worked to please her other self. That is the reason Rembrandt, who lived at the time Shakespeare lived, is to-day without a rival in portraiture. He had the courage to make an enemy. When at work he never thought of any one but his other self, and so he infused soul into every canvas. The limpid eyes looked down into yours from the walls and tell of love, pity, earnestness and deep sincerity. Man, like Deity, creates in his own image, and when he portrays some one else, he pictures himself, too—this provided his work is art. If it is but an imitation of something seen somewhere, or done by some one else, or done to please a patron

with money, no breath of life has been breathed into its nostrils, and it is nothing, save possibly dead perfection—no more. Is it easy to please your other self ? Try it for a day. Begin to-morrow morning and say, “This day I will live as becomes a man. I will be filled with good cheer and courage. I will do what is right; I will work for the highest; I will put soul into every hand-grasp, every smile, every expression—into all my work. I will live to satisfy my other self.” You think it is easy ? Try it for a day.

